(a) whether IIT, Kharagpur has proposed extension of the Institute in Onssa and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the reasons for neither accepting nor including the proposal in the Eleventh Plan, in case the same has not been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur already has a small campus functioning at Bhubaneswar, Orissa, which offers Post Graduate Diploma in Information Technology and Business Administration. HT Kharagpur had proposed expansion of the existing campus at Bhubaneswar. The Government, however, has not accepted the proposal of an existing IIT to set up large satellite campuses. Therefore, the proposal of IIT Kharagpur was not accepted.

Norms for opening a Central University

19. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a Central University in a predominantly tribal area or for tribal students during the Eleventh Plan, the norms for identifying the location ana other relevant factors;

(b) whether any State has been identified for locating such universities alongwith reasons for such decisions; and

(c) whether Government are aware that Educational Consultants of India, a Central Government Organizajion, had prepared a project report for a university for tribal education in Orissa in the early 90s and if so, whether its recommendations have been taken note of while taking a decision to finalise the location of the Central University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) According to the information furnished by the Educational Consultants India Limited, no such project report has been prepared by them.